State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Memorandum

Date:

June 2, 2014

To:

Ms. Barbara Evoy, Deputy Director

Division of Water Rights

State Water Resources Control Board

P.O. Box 2000

Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

From:

NEIL MANJI, Regional Manager

Region 1 - Northern

Subject: Memoranda of Understanding (MOU's) with Los Molinos Mutual Water

Company, Nobmann Cattle LLC, and Peyton Pacific Properties.

Please accept the attached California Endangered Species Act Memoranda of Understanding (MOU's) with the 2081(a), and the direction found within the Governor's April 25, 2014, Proclamation of a Continued State of Emergency as a local cooperative solution on Mill Creek, Tehama County, to protect specific fisheries resources during the drought.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) is submitting these for consideration and support of any request by the Los Molinos Mutual Water Company, Nobmann Cattle LLC, and Peyton Pacific Properties to implement the agreements in place of State Board-issued curtailment orders on Mill Creek, Tehama County. Based upon the evidence that the Department has at this time, we have determined the terms identified within the MOU's offer a level of watershed-wide protection comparable to or greater than what is provided in the Water Boards proposed curtailment regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 877 et seg.)

In addition, the Department expects a signed MOU from The Nature Conservancy to be received by June 4, 2014.

Thank you for consideration. If you have any questions please contact Northern Region Fisheries Program Manager Curtis Milliron at (530) 225-2280.

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